New Telephone Connections in Kottayam District

1707. SHRI JOY NADUKKARA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of telephone exchanges in Kerala in which expansion work is going on at present;

(b) the number of new telephone connections in Kottayam district, Kerala likely to be released during 1996-97; and

(c) the present position of the expansion work at Marangattupilly, Monipally, Kuravilangadu, Kidangoor, Kozhuvanal, Mangoor and Bharananganam exchanges in Kottayam district and by when it is expected to be completed?

THE MINSTER OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) At present, there are 99 exchanges where the expansion work is going on in Kerala.

(b) About 22,000 telephone connections are likely to be provided in Kottayam District during 1996-97.

(c) The present position of expansion work at these places is as per Statement.

Statement

The Present position of expansion work of various exchanges in Kottayam District (Kerala):

1. Narangallipilly:

There is no place by the name-Narangallipilly, in Kottayam. It is presumed to be-Marangattupally,

Marangattupally:

—1000 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 3rd quarter of 1996-97.

2. Monippally:

—1000 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 1997-98.

3. Kuravilangadu:

—1200 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 2nd quarter of 1996-97.

4. Kidangoor.

—1000 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 1996-97.

5. Kozhuvanal:

—384 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 2nd quarter of 1996-97.

6. Mangoor:

—This place falls under the area of Kuruppanthara where 1200 lines exchange will be commissioned during 2nd quarter of 1996-97.

7. Bharananganam:

—1500 lines expansion.

—expected to be completed during 1997-98.

NTC Mills in Gujarat

1708. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government run NTC mills in Gujarat will be closed due to shortage of funds;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are not granting funds from revolving fund;

(c) the action taken by Government to safeguard of NTC mills and mill workers in Gujarat, particularly in Ahmedabad; and

(d) whether Government have any scheme to reopen closed mills and to give financial help to sick NTC mills in Ahmedabad?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) to (d) Due to obsolete machinery, excess man-power and acute shortage of working capital, the mills under NTC in Gujarat have been incurring losses and are facing par-